# ndenemalent

dailyindkhi@gmail.com

Chief Editor: Syed Farooq Shah

Karachi

Ph: 0300-3898091 Vol: 05. No. 269 Rabi-ul-Awwal 09, 1445 AH Tuesday September 26, 2023 Pages 04 Price Rs. 12.00

# Caretaker PM vows to conduct free, fair general elections

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has vowed to conduct free and fair elections, ensuring no name of protest or if people litical leaders had political organizational or institu- are going violent then that alliance with military for tional involvement in favor kind of situation is not ac- their own political interof any party. ceptable under cratic system.

view with foreign media, he said we are entering into the involvement in PTI Chief's to shift the onus of their electoral process and the time span, which has been given to the interim government, is according to the He said in some Asian zational capability left with law and the constitution.

said delimitation of constituencies is a constitutional demand, and we government, we ensure that should abide by this reguno no one can meddle with our lation if we believe in supremacy of the constitu-

can't allow vandalism in the Kakar said Pakistani poceptable under any demo- ests and once they are out

ousting from the power, he said PTI members have retrieved from that allegation. The Prime Minister sometimes do such acts for populist reasons. He said as a responsible caretaker domestic affairs. He further said the PTI chief was ousted constitutionally and To a question about there was no military coup

own failure. He said the only insti-tution that has the organistates, political leaders us is military and anyone who is dealing with governance has to rely on it to meet the challenges.

Talking about terrorist attacks and relations with Afghanistan, the Prime Minister said we have been facing such attacks almost for fifteen years and we are

people have the right to express their sentiments under prescribed law, but we Pakistan, Anwaar-ul-Haq

Shedding light on the civil-military relations in Pakistan, Anwaar-ul-Haq cessful to manage that to a certain level

He said we are dealing with different layers of authorities in Afghanistan and some are spoiling the peace. of the power they start He said some banned organizations like TTP have training camps in Afghanistan, which is a point of concern for us. He expressed hope that we will engage with Afghans despite some challenges in our relationships as it is in common interest of both the

> On domestic politics, the Prime Minister said political differences shouldn't be converted into enmities as this practices leads to the death of the

Chief Justice of Pakistan

made it clear on the lawyers

that date will not be given

in the cases now and only

CJP has reprimanded the

SC presided over by the

CJP rejected the plea for

giving date in land dispute.
The CJP remarked

now remove this concept

from your mind that they

will go to SC and obtain date.

This message is for all of

A 3-member bench of

lawyer as well.

(CJP) Qazi Faez Isa has



KARACHI: Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori addressing Pakistan Climate Change Conference 2023 at Governor House.



LONDON: A delegation of prominent British Pakistani businessmen call on the Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

### COAS expresses deep respect for Christian community, stressed for greater interfaith harmony

oi Army (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir Monday expressed deep respect for Christian community and stressed upon the need for promoting greater interfaith harmony in society in order to follow Quaid's true vision of a united and pro-

Moderator and President Bishops (Church of and philanthropic services Pakistan and Bishop of Raiwind) Dr. Azad Marshall along with 13 members' delegation of Christian Community called on the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) here at Genis no space for intolerance and tolerant society.

vices Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

During the meeting, matters of mutual interest, religious and inter-faith harmony were discussed. The COAS lauded the contributions of Pakistani Christian Community in national development, including promotion of quality education, healthcare and outstanding role played by them for the

defence of the motherland. The Army Chief emphasised, "Islam is a religion of peace and there

RAWALPINDI (APP): eral Headquarters, an Inter and extremism in Islam and society. No one can be allowed to take law in his own hands in a civilised

> The Christian Community members acknowledged Pakistan Army's efforts in combating terrorism and providing secure environment to the minorities in the country.

They appreciated Army Chief's gesture as an inspiration for Pakistani minorities to take greater and more active part in nation building and in restoring their faith in a cohesive

NAB submits

15 more

#### others through you that the hearing of the case. Overseas Pakistanis need to avail investment opportunities in Pakistan, says PM Kakar

Date will not be

given, only decisions

will be made: CJP

ISLAMABAD (Online): tendency for getting date

decisions will be made. The next date here. In other

will not run now. The num-

ber of pending cases in

court is too much high. There should be notice on

one date and arguments on

courts it happens so that

date is given for presenting

any document. When some

case comes in SC its all docu-

marked give the arguments

in one language. Improve

this order adjourned the

The CJP further re-

The court while giving

ments are complete.

your Urdu or English.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday invited the overseas Pakistanis to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the government for investment in Pa-

During a meeting with a delegation of prominent British Pakistani businessmen which called on him in London, the prime minister invited the diaspora businessmen to invest, especially in Special Economic Žones, to contribute to Pakistan's economic recovery. The prime minister highlighted positive eco-

from reforms pursued by the interim government, including a strengthening Pak. Rupee, reduced inflation, and expected economic growth.

The removal of import restrictions and efforts to restore the business community's confidence are expected to further boost external accounts, he added. PM Kakar spoke about Pakistan's investmentfriendly approach, mentioning incentives and ease-ofbusiness reforms. He introduced the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) to streamline investment in key sectors through nomic indicators resulting a single-window platform.

## Formal consent of ECP may be sought to commence **KSCP: Haris Nawaz**

**Independent Report** 

KARACHI: Caretaker Home Minister Brigadier ® Haris Nawaz has issued directives to the law enforcement agencies to evolve a joint strategy to speed up intelligence-based operations against lawbreakers including street criminals, drug dealers/paddlers, land grabbers; and comb out illegal immigrants from the city. He was presiding over a meeting with Senior Police Officers at Karachi Police Office here today. The meeting was attended by Addl. IGP Karachi, Zonal reviewed the ongoing ground-level action against the organized crimes, drug trafficking and combing operations against illegal immigrants especially the Afghan nationals illegally residing in the city and involved in suspicious/criminal activities.

Haris Nawaz said that a lot of good work has been done against organized crimes and drugs by the LEAs. He, however, stressed on the need to further intensify the vigil against anti-social and criminal elements. The Home Minister also ordered the senior police officers to visit police stations in their re-

#### Justice Baqar directs audit of 'varieties, orders holding of Senate meetings House. The meeting was at-

KARACHI (INP): Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister Justice (rtd) Maqbool Baqar has directed the University & Board department and Higher Education Commission (HEC), Sindh to conduct an audit of all the public sector universities and direct them to establish their pension fund for timely payment of pen-sions to their retiring or to be retired employees. "I am surprised that nine public sector universities have not held their Senate meeting in

ing be held at the earliest. and Boards Dept and provincial Higher Education Com-

tended by Chief Secretary Dr. Fakhre Alam, Chairman HEC Prof Tariq Raffi, PSCM Hassan Naqvi, Secretary Finance Kazim Jatoi, Secretary U&B Noor Mohammad Samo, and others.
HEC: The Chairman

HEC told the interim CM that Sindh HEC was established in 2013 with a mandate to promote and improve higher education, research, and development in the Sindh Province. The provincial HEC

mainly focuses on faculty development; improving access; promoting excelthe last eight to nine years and they must but taken to task and their senate meetlence in learning and remission here at the CM frastructure development.

The important programs of the HEC were the Research Support Program, M.Phil, Ph.D Scholarship Program, Laboratory Strengthening Program, and Smart Classroom program. To a question, CM was told that there were 27 uni-

versities in the public sector in the province, of them nine have not held their Senate meetings in the last eight years. At this, the CM said that the Senate was an Apex body of the universities, and their Senate body passed their budgets. It was also pointed out that most of the public sector universities were running huge losses due He issued these direc-search; governance and to financial management. At tives while presiding over a management; enhancing this, the CM directed the toring & evaluation, and an audit of all the universiphysical technological in- ties through well-reputed and recognized auditors



Bishop of Raiwind) Dr. Azad Marshall along with 13 members' delegation of Christian Community called on the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir at General Headquarters.

#### Khawar Maneka arrested while trying to escape to Dubai

LAHORE (Online): Immigration has arrested Khawar Maneka from Airport.

He was going to Dubai by Emirates Airline. According to sources,

Khawar Maneka was stopped at Allama Iqbal International Airport because his name was included in Exit Control List. A case is registered

against Khawar Maneka by Anti-Corruption. On the other hand.

according to spokesperson of Anti-Corruption Establishment Punjab. Khawar Maneka has been arrested on the charge of illegal construction on government land

#### IHC orders to shift chairman PTI from Attock jail to Adiala jail

ISLAMABAD (Online): Chief Justice (CJ) Islamabad High Court (IHC) has remarked chairman PTI is under trial prisoner and under trial prisoners are kept in Adiala Jail and why then Chairman PTI has been kept in Attock

The CJ IHC remarked chairman PTI be shifted to Adiala jail. Former Prime Minister (PM) should not be kept deprived of facilities under victimization.

The CJ IHC while ordering to provide all facilities under jail manual in jail to chairman PTI arrested in Islamabad are in Adiala jail.

cipher case has remarked the status of conviction of chairman PTI has changed. He is under trial prisoner after suspension of his sentence who are kept in Adiala jail. Why has he been kept in Attock jail.

During hearing of the petition filed by chairman PTI related to facilities in jail and his shifting from district jail Attock to Adiala jail, the CJ IHC inquired from Additional Attorney General (AAG) that chairman PTI is under trial prisoner in cipher case. All the under trial prisoners of

#### Journalist Imran Riaz recovered, reaches home

SIALKOT (Online): Jour- he was taken to police stabeen recovered and has reached his home.

affixed post about recovery and return to his home on their twitter, face book, instagram tek tok page.

Imran Riaz was ar-rested after violent demonstrations across the country on May 9 following the arrest of Imran Khan, chairman PTI.

Imran Riaz Khan was flying to Muscat from Sialkot international airport when FIA arrested him and handed over him to police. Following his arrest

nalist Imran Riaz Khan has tion cantt and then Sialkot

Father of Imran Riaz District police have Khan filed application in Lahore High Court (LHC) that his son was kidnapped. The kidnapping case of Imran Riaz Khan was registered in civil lines police station under the report of his father.

Chief Justice (CJ)
Lahore High Court (LHC) Amir Ali Bhatti took up for hearing the petition filed by father of Imran Riaz Khan on September 20 which was filed against unknown persons and police under section 365 of FIR.

# DIGs, DIG CIA, SSP AVCC, SSPAVLC and District SSPs of Karachi. He spective districts.

ISLAMABAD: The Caretaker Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives Muhammad Sami Saeed chairing a meeting of National Price Monitoring Committee to review the prices of essential commodities

#### identity card of Hammad in Baldia factory case KARACHI (Online): Sindh High Court (SHC) has or-dered to block passport, Hammad Siddiqui had left Pakistan in 2013.

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for

Planning, Development and Special Initiatives,

Muhammad Sami Saeed exchanging views with

Donald Blome, US Ambassador to Pakistan during

SHC orders to block passport,

national identity card and bank accounts of Hammad Siddiqui nominated in Baldia factory tragedy.

meeting held in Islamabad.

The case on the matter of return of absconding accused in 3 cases including Baldia factory tragedy came up for hearing before SHC Monday. Federal interior secretary appeared in the court.During the hearing of the case, the court expressed annoyance over lack of efforts for bringing absconding accused to Pakistan. The court questioned from federal interior secretary what steps were taken for bringing Hammad Siddigui to Pakistan. Interior secretary told the court Hammad Siddiqui has left Abu Dhabi since 2017. Justice KK Agha re-

marked Hammad Šiddini had left Abu Dhabi before starting trial of court.

Interior secretary said

The court questioned were the passport and national identity card of Hammad Siddiqui blocked.

Interior secretary said the period of Hammad Siddiqui passport has expired. The court ordered for blocking passport national identity cards and closing bank accounts of Hammad Siddiqui, Taqi Haider Shah and Khurram Nisar . The court ordered that the details of last landing in Pakistan by Hammad Siddiqui be presented. The court summoned report about absconding accused Taqi Haider and Khurram Nisar besides details of absconding and proclaimed offenders of the province from

prosecutor general. The court issued show cause notice to secretary foreign affairs for not appearing in the court.

#### references in AC ISLAMABAD (APP):

The National Accountabilty Bureau (NAB) has submitted fifteen more references to the accountability court after examining the egal details.

The Registrar of the Accountability Court and NAB Prosecutor appeared in the court of Judge Muhammad Bashir and informed the court about the legal aspects of the references. After checking the legal aspects, the judge issued to the parties of references.

#### Watchman of house killed mother, son and threw

bodies in well KARACHI (Online) Watchman of house has killed mother and son in Nazimabad.

According to policemen, dead bodies of mother and son have been found from well inside the house Mujahid Colony, Nazimabad who have been strangled to death.

Police said that when the incident was investigated, the watchman of the house was found involved in the murder who strangled both of them to death and threw the bodies into the

According to police, watchman was arrested and he identified dead bodies during investigation and after that recovered the bodies from well.

# Daily doice of Masse Independent

#### Caretaker PM's landmark address at 78th UNGA

The caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar's address at the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York on Friday last was really remarkable and landmark. In his address, the PM called for countering all forms of terrorism, including "Hindutva extremists". Urging the chair, Kakar emphasized that "Mr. Presi dent, we must counter all terrorists without discrimination including the rising threat by far-right and fascist groups such as Hindutva-inspired extremists threatening genocide against India's Muslims and Christians alike." He also urged opposition against the root causes of terrorism which according to him included poverty, injustice, foreign occupation and distinguishing genuine freedom struggles from terrorism. "Pakistan proposes the creation of a committee of the general assembly to oversee the balanced implementation of all four pillars of the global counter-terrorism strat-

Earlier the PM Kakar had also warned that the "disgusting reality behind Hindu nationalism politics could ensnare the world in "fires of war". His comments come amid the backdrop of an unprecedented flareup of tensions between India and Canada where the latter has accused the former of killing a Sikh separatist leader on Canadian soil.

During an interview on the sidelines of UNGA, PM Kakar said: "We will raise [the issue] at different forums, not because we want to do any propaganda against India, but because of the disgusting reality hidden behind Hindutva's political agenda in which fascism and chauvinism are very deeply rooted, it is such a dangerous phenomenon that it can ensnare the whole region and the rest of the world in the fires of war." He went on to say, "We will continue playing our role in highlighting that major issue

. we will talk about it wherever we get the opportunity. The premier said Hindutva politics had affected the region particularly Balochistan, adding that Pakistan had evidence to support its claims, which included the confession of high-ranking Indian military officer Kulbhushan Jadhav.
"We have been suffering this face and side of India

but the problem is that this is hitting Western capitals now," PM Kakar said. Pakistan would not mock Western countries for not paying heed to the warnings but would instead play a role in ensuring that the danger [of Hindutva] was understood and action was taken to stop it.

The prime minister said the slain Sikh separatist leader was "innocent" and a "martyr", adding that the murder of an innocent person was a "major crime". At the outset of his UNGA address, the premier said world leaders had gathered today at a "tense and pivotal moment in history", referring to the Russia-Ukraine war and tensions between other global powers. "We see the rise of old and new military and political blocs ... geopolitics is resurging when geoeconomics should have primacy. He emphasized that the world could not afford another cold war as there were far greater challenges confronting humans that demanded global cooperation and collective action. Many countries of the global south have barely managed to stave off defaults, poverty and hunger have grown, reversing development gains of three decades. The premier lamented that last year's "epic floods" had submerged one-third of the country, killed 1,700 people, displaced over eight million people, destroyed vital infrastructure, destroyed vital infrastructure and caused over \$30 billion in damage to the economy.

# Fair play

ests, as apparent from re-

cent events, do not con-

by any rules. The result:

the law and lawyers can

do in Pakistan.



Adeel Wahid

The business model of law firms in Pakistan is oppressive. It is exploitative and unfair, and not meant to attract individuals with talent, integrity and ambi-

One of the major criticisms of the legal profession is that it is ironically manned with many who unreservedly resort to any means, even unfair, to get things done. To ensure that they hold on to their clients, lawyers may provide services of bribing court staff, stenographers and sometimes allegedly even the judges, too. And not all bribes are considered the bad kind; some are expressly asked to be paid by the litigants themselves. The snail's pace at which the judiciary can be brought to function requires, at times, greasing palms only to get things

There are many reasons why the lawyers in Pakistan are the way they are: dismal legal education, tribalism and politicisation of bar associations, and unprofessional and unethical practices normalised through their pervasive use over the years. Most ironically, however, it is not a profession that the aspiring and diligent high school students in Pakistan usually have their ambitions set on. Most of the time, the upright ones just want to steer clear.

Structurally, the challenges are many. To begin with, employment opportunities in law are few, the graduates many. Pakistan's economy is primarily informal, not ond, the judicial system warding to hire gradu- tesy Dawn

is badly broken and is ates who went to the highly unpredictable. right school and, even The better option for litimore importantly, who gants often is to opt out have relatives in the of the ordeal of an unright positions, since wieldy system. Third, the that may be a firmer state and moneyed interguarantor of ensuring a ready stream of clients and favourable orders. sider themselves bound This cohort also comes with the added advanthere is just as much that tage of not being solely dependent on the meagre stipend initially

And then there is handed out. this entrenched status And who cares if any hardworking, ambiquo of lawyers, guarding their monopoly with ever tious and talented powatchful eyes. The 'face tential lawyers, not from those right schools and value' already exists, the backgrounds, are comstays come easy, with no incentive to pay even pelled to choose other below-minimum wages to careers. Who advised them to do law anyways? fresh graduate lawyers. It should come as no surindustry monopolised by some, prise that in a society where many lawyers are with no meagre contribuseen as having few from judges, requ-ires a reset. And in qualms about employing unjust means to obtain such a reset, there is relief for their clients, the guidance to be sought not from any wisdom lofty notions of fairness do not dictate the manproduced by the legal ner in which the new enminds in Pakistan. It may trants in the profession be better to look outside, and askance, towards are treated. The results in the courtroom are not the culture that pervades the world of vennecessarily procured on the basis of the cogency ture capital, contained in of arguments or the Sebastian Mallaby's strength of evidence. If The Power Law: Venture they were, even for the Capital and Making of most part, there might the New Future. While have been a need for the dynamics of Silicon

people with aptitude and Valley are completely talent. But, it seems there distinct, there is still inis no such need. spiration to be sought in Even without any its original story, which such need, there are prominently features some brilliant lawyers in Arthur Rock and his key Pakistan. And most of insight, that the most opthem deservingly do get portune investment is in to the top. But when the "intellectual book they do, the bookkeepvalue" where the emphaing instincts of many sis has to be "on the people who you hope kick in. Upending the status quo might not fit will capitalise on their inin their calculus. And tellect". As Arthur Rock very little is allowed to would put it, it is all trickle down, and by deabout "backing the right

Meanwhile, results Arthur Rock, "a from the courts, in many self-made loner", also famously said, that "I instances, can be attained on the basis of never wanted to be the other considerations. In richest corpse in the a class-conscious socicemetery", and that too, in a world curated ety, from the perspective governed by established principles and rules. Sec-potentially be more re-not justice. -- Cour-

# India's overreach

being behind the attack.



Zarrar Khuhro

India is having its moment in the sun; the economy is booming, it has landed on the South Pole of the moon and New Delhi just hosted the G20, which was a massive coming-out party for Modi. Earlier, Modi had the red carpet rolled out for him in Washington where the administration fawned over a man who, up until fairly recently, was barred from entering the US due to his complicity in the Gujarat massacres in which over 1,000 people, mostly Muslims, were killed and countless women raped, often in front of their fami-

However, change, and India's burgeoning economy and its value as a hedge against China meant that Modi must be courted and the performative pearl-clutching over the usual Western obsessions with human rights and such was to be dispensed with. That's not a complaint;

that's realpolitik. But the thing with having your moment in the sun is that it can go to your head; as Washington was finalising the menu and selecting silverware, an Indian intelligence operation was underway in America's ally Canada. There, a pro-independence Sikh leader and Canadian citizen Hardeep Singh Nijjar, was gunned down outside a gurdwara in Surrey, British Columbia on June 18.

Some months later, and conveniently right after the G20 summit had concluded its speeches and photo-ops, came Justin Trudeau's bombshell where he accused India's intelligence agencies of

What followed were furiaccused mastermind, Pavan Kumar Rai, being compelled to leave Canada. India, in its typical style of accusing others of what it itself is guilty of, warned its citizens to 'exercise caution" when visiting Canada due to ties and politically condoned hate crimes and criminal violence" there. After this spectacular example of a pot calling the kettle black — most hate crimes in Canada are committed against Jews, Muslims and Catholics, in that order — India then suspended the processing of visas for Canadians, which is terrible news for the millions of Canadians presumably queuing up to visit India. Diplomatic presence is also being cut back by both countries.

reacting with typical narrow-minded nationalist bravado, with its media thumping its chest over the 'muscular new India' and pointing out the examples of Gen Suleimani and Osama bin Laden while also fervently denying the accusation. Indian social media, in its usual toxic manner, is heaping abuse upon Canada and Trudeau for 'sheltering terrorists' while celebrating the fact that along with yoga, assassination is also one of India's exports. This sells well in the domestic Indian market. where the populace has been fed a daily diet of hate and religious supremacy which often changing amid a translates into state-condoned violence against Muslims and other minori-

Meanwhile, India is

Seemingly secure in its Western alliance, India has taken the world's si- can use the same tactics lence as a signal that it can and policies it uses in the get away with murder subcontinent, in their abroad, as it has within its own borders and in the region. Unsurprisingly, no eventually prevail, the one is questioning the mask is well and truly off. possible fallout for fear of

being labelled traitors. So in that scenario, any indious, tit-for-tat expulsions cations of India projecting and exchanges, with the its power is appreciated, and certainly the more robust the Indian diplomatic offensive is, the better it'll play in the upcoming Indian polls, especially with the INDIA alliance trying to take the BJP down a peg. For Canada, taking a soft line would be sui-"growing anti-India activi- cidal; home to many diasporas and dissidents due to its liberal immigration policies, allowing an India-ordered assassination to take place without a reaction would mean there would be no stopping other countries with equal or greater capabilities from doing the same. What if, for example, China were to start eliminating Tibetan, Uighur or Falun Gong activists in Canada? So, as India escalates, Canada has started to drip out information and as per a report in the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Ottawa is in possession of intercepted communications by Indian officials regarding the murder, along with intelligence provided by another member of the Five Eyes network, of which Canada is a part. They have receipts, and will show them

in due course. This places the West in a tight spot, having to balance between India and their old ally Canada. So far, the responses have been muted amid diplomatic calls for the investigation to be completed, but among anaysts, think tanks and influential media outlets, the mood seems to be realisation that the Indian alliance carries unexpected costs, among which is giving New Delhi the impression that it can do as it likes, and own countries as well. While realpolitik will -- Courtesv Dawn

# Commerce News

# **UK** investors show keen interest in Pakistan's capital market

Kingdom's capital and Frontier Haq Kakar on Monday informed the delegation investment opportunities highlighting government in Pakistan. The leaders of measures for external International Limited Management, Ashmore,

investors of the United Industrial SA, Oxford Bank, Asian Development Capital, Bank, and friendly nations, interest in exploring economic landscape, the potential for foreign direct investment in Pakistan's key sectors and the notable investment account improvement. He the positive impact of the firms who met the prime said that recent Stand-By Arrangement minister in London administrative actions (SBA) with the IMF, Fidelity strengthened the Pakistani exceeding expectations and rupee against the US dollar, stabilizing the economy Wellington fostering optimism for and currency. Prime stability. He said positive Minister Kakar also Jefferies International, indicators, including highlighted economic

improvements such as reduced inflation with expected sustained decline, Financial market in a meeting with Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul
WK. Prime Minister Kakar Torntal Capital, and UBL inflation, stabilized and upcoming growth in agriculture and industry. WK. Prime Minister Kakar reserves, and revival of He mentioned improved industrial growth. The trade after removal of expressed their keen about Pakistan's current prime minister spoke about restrictions on imports and fiscal measures for monetary support and medium-term inflation targets. The prime minister highlighted Pakistan's proinvestment efforts, introducing the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC). This initiative, led by the prime



LONDON: Senior leaders of London's capital and Financial Market cell on the Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaaar-ul-Haq Kakar.



ISLAMABAD: VC PIDE Dr. Nameem ul Haque along with academia from PIDE called the Caretaker Commerce Minister Dr. Goher Ejaz at the

#### Minister for strong regulatory system to control price hike

ISLAMABAD (APP): briefed by Director General Caretaker Minister for Abdul Karimon the National Food Security & function of the Institute Research Dr Kausar and its ongoing projects, Abdulla Malik on Monday said a press release. The underscored the need for a minister was informed that unified supply chain the API analyzed the coupled with a strong impact of important regulatory framework to agricultural policies on discourage artificial hikes in groups such as consumers, the prices of food items in the country.

He chaired a meeting adjustments needed for of the Agriculture Policy greater efficiency and Institute and was also equity in the country.

processors, and exporters and advises on policy

#### **OGRA** reacts to reports of **speculations** about fuel prices

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) on Monday to reacted speculations about fuel

OGRA spokesperson said speculations about increase or decrease in fuel prices should be avoided as the rate of petroleum products is fixed in line with the international market and exchange rate.

# Pakistan, Azerbaijan discuss transport, trade cooperation

ISLAMABAD (APP): following Caretaker Federal Minister for Communications for Tarar, and Azerbaijani countries aim to connect Ambassador to Pakistan through railways and road Khazar discussed issues of mutual interests and strengthened boost economic bilateral ties. The cooperation and facilitate ambassador during a meeting with the minister said the relationship between Pakistan and Azerbaijan is unparalleled

in every aspect.

Farhadov networks. The Ambassador Europe and Russia through said the primary goal is to Azerbaijan. said the primary goal is to

the movement of goods and people. "We are keen on rbaijan is unparalleled Farhadov said. He further said, "We envision The envoy said, Pakistan becoming a part Farian expressed his said, "I have instructed the CPEC as Pakistan is facing practices."

the of international transport commencement of direct networks, connecting with flights between Pakistan all regional countries." He Railways Shahid Ashraf and Azerbaijan, both also highlighted the potential for Pakistani trade to gain access to

> The ambassador said. that to achieve this, the International Agricultural movement of agricultural private sector will play a crucial role in promoting promoting economic trade and economic China. Agricultural cooperation," Ambassador growth. Shahid Ashraf development and

#### **FPCCI** calls for enhanced cooperation with China in agriculture: Irfan Iqbal

Independent Report KARACHI: Mr. Irfan food security for its 240 Iqbal Sheikh, President million populace, he added. FPCCI, has called for enhanced cooperation Sheikh added that creation between Pakistan and of modern transportation China on the occasion of and logistics infrastructure Anhui – Cooperation Development Forum in development

Pakistan to facilitate the efficient products; along with technology transfer from and yields; modernize irrigation

# Precision agriculture "one-window solution: to develop climate resilient agriculture Pathways" jointly organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute and NASTAP here today. Pathways" jointly oworkflow expanding it organized by Sustainable from data analysis to urged for the synchronization of the four pillars of agriculture is pillars of agriculture is mobilized.

ISLAMABAD (Online): "Precision Agriculture is the one-window solution to declining agricultural productivity, exacerbating food insecurity and can aid in developing resilience to recurrent climate disasters" remarked Dr Abid Oaiyum Suleri, Executive Director. SDPI. He was speaking at a Industry Consultation event "National Precision Agriculture Blueprint

here today. agricultural land can be addressed by embarking on the contemporary digital Study: Needs Assessment revolution. This digital Adoptability revolution has modified the to reduce the footprint of implementation

water allows efficient application and quality management as well as greenhouse gas automation

resource consumption like pillars of agriculture i.e., mobilize financial water and aid decision academia, industry, private resources needed. Furter

with industry and private to transform sector, eradicating the bureaucratic delays in project development and and services to small farmers

He added that the rising population is exerting profound pressure on the country's natural resources and the mounting per capita burden on accision the country and the per capita burden on accision the exerting profound pressure of the entire process. "Pakistan is already a water scarce per capita burden on digitalization of inputs like accidenta, industry, private sector, and development partners.

The reformation of academic curricula and developing specialized courses in consultation digitalization of agriculture to the entire partners.

The reformation of academia, industry, private sector, and development gap, he said that Special academic curricula and cademic curricula and country and the country and private to transform lower to the entire partners.

The reformation of academic curricula and development gap, he said that Special country and the country and the country and private to transform lower to the entire partners.

The reformation of council will promote country and private to transform lower to the entire partners.

The reformation of academia, industry, private sector, and development gap, he said that Special country and partners.

The reformation of investment financing gap, he said that Special country and development gap, he said that Special country and development gap, he said that Special country and country and development gap, he said that Special productivity lands but will also increase access to

financial and technological

# **Punjab CM inaugurates** road built from plastic waste in Lahore

**Independent Report** LAHORE: In a recordbreaking development for Punjab, Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi inaugurated the first-ever plastic road in the province today. The historic Addressing the media, he significantly reduced, with inauguration took place on Zafar Ali Plastic Road, stretching from Gymkhana Mall Road to Jail Road. scope. Following a a regular road. A crucial Chief Minister Naqvi thorough one-month environmental benefit is meticulously examined the review of the existing that the plastic used in quality and construction of this innovative road, accompanied by a detailed briefing on its utility by the Communication and Works

and esteemed professors from the University of Engineering Technology Lahore.

**Independent Report** 

LAHORE: An essential

meeting convened at the

Civil Secretariat, presided over by Provincial Minister

for Industries and Commerce

SM Tanveer, meticulously

assessed the closure and

desealing of factories in

relation to anti-smog efforts.

In attendance were Chief

Secretary Punjab Zahid

Akhtar Zaman, Provincial

Minister Bilal Afzal, along

with the Secretary and DĞ

of the Environment

Protection Department, DG

of Industries, and pertinent

Commending

LARKANA: Heirs of Lutuf Magsi are holding pro-

test demonstration for demanding recovery of Lutuf

Magsi, who was missing four days ago in the limits

of Hyderi Police Station, at SSP Chowk in Larkana.

Provincial ministers

lead strategic meeting

to address anti-smog

officials. Notably, the transparency in governance.

Malik,

technical expertise and conventional roads, these Road into a plastic road.

advantages of a plastic road rainwater, ensuring a only minimizes costs but lifespan of a minimum of also serves as a sustainable years. Unlike solution

meeting also saw the

presence of Patron-in-Chief

of the Chamber of Industry

and Commerce in

Sheikhupura, Manzoor

industrialists Mardan Ali,

Amjad Khan, and others.

Emphasizing the government's duty to furnish

a clean environment for its

citizens. Provincial Minister

of Industry and Commerce

SM Tanveer articulated the

need for formulating Standard

Operating Procedures (SOPs)

to mitigate environmental

pollution, thereby enhancing

alongside

invaluable support innovative constructions provided by UET are not susceptible to rain-professors in the creation induced damage. of this plastic road, Chief
Minister Naqvi expressed
Moreover, the financial
outlay for constructing a significantly reduced, with underscored the success of this project amounting to this pioneering venture and revealed plans to expand its the standard Rs 6 crore for plastic road, further these roads is sourced from expansions are on the recycled materials, horizon, including the transformation of Mall plastic waste that would otherwise contribute to One of the key environmental pollution, antages of a plastic road This eco-friendly approach lies in its resilience against to road construction not

#### Theatre play "Social Pagal" & "The Father" presented

KARACHI (Online): On the 16th day of the ongoing Pakistan Theatre Festival in Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi, the Theatre plays Social Pagal" and "The Father" were presented in Urdu language, the writer and director of Theatre Social Pagal, was Shah Fahad, in the cast of the play. Sarmad Aftab, Sherbanu Rahmani, Gulshan Majeed, Hassan Raza, Mishal Chaudhry, Zain Qazi, Haris Ahmad Khan and Mohammad Ghazi Abid, etc.

Drama takes viewers through the journey of six psychopaths who confront their demons in prison as they are confined to an obscure realm where life imprisonment is considered the cure for their insanity, a battle of wits ensues and theatre play "The Father" is written by Florian Zeller and directed by Zeeshan Haidar. The cast of the drama included Ghulam Mohiuddin, Abdul Rehman. Alina Gulzar, Saima, Zobi and Owais.



LAHORE: Punjab Governor Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman addressing the ceremony on the eve of Mehfil-e-Milad-un-Nabi

#### Life of Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) beacon of light for entire mankind: Baligh

Independent Report LAHORE: Governor Muhammad Punjab Balighur Rehman attended a ceremony on the theme of "Building Islamic Society in the Light of teachings of Prophet Muhammad SAW" at Governor House Lahore

Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman while addressing the ceremony said that the Uswa Hasana of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is a source of salvation and guidance for us. He said that Allah sent

Muhammad (PBUH) as a mercy for all mankind. Love for Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) is an integral part of our

faith, he added. Governor Punjab said that when the Arabs were passing through the age of ignorance, he gave them the message of Allah and enlightened them with the teachings of Islam.

He said that the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) set an example of the highest character and forgiveness by forgiving his worst enemies on the occasion of the conquest Prophet of Makkah

#### Nawabzada Nasarullah 20th anniversary on Sep 26

politician known as father democracy,

Nawabzada Nasarullah Khan will be marked on September 26 (Tuesday). Nawabzada Nasarullah's relentless 70-year-long struggle for the supremacy of the constitution, parliament, and democracy remains an enduring legacy. Distinguished religious scholar Moulana Syed Kafeel Ahmed Shah Bukhari will grace the

occasion. audiences, comprising from different political political and social parties across Pakistan.

MUZAFFARGARH leaders, along with (APP): The 20th representatives from anniversary of the great various sectors of

> The 20th-anniversary ceremony is set to take place at 5 pm at Marhaba Marriage Hall in his hometown, Khangarh. Moulana Syed Kafeel Ahmad Shah Bukhari, the grandson of Moulana Shah Ahmad Noorani Bukhari, will deliver an insightful speech, shedding light on the insightful importance of democracy and unity in the nation.

This event stands as symbol of unity, He will address the bringing together leaders

#### **Court orders** to release 12 year-old girl on bail

PESHAWAR (INP): Peshawar High Court (PHC) on Monday ordered to release 12-year-old girl on bail. The 12-year-old girl is facing murder charges. She is accused of killing a man named Gohar Ali while cutting fodder in Buner, five months ago.

The girl's bail plea was filed in the PHC as she is underage. The court was pleaded to release the 12-year-old on bail, which was accepted. It is to be noted that both the parties had registered cases against each other after the incident. Separately in 2021, a judicial magistrate granted bail to six teenage suspects held for allegedly harassing female students.

#### Crackdown intensifies as cases of vision loss surge in Punjab

LAHORE (INP): The Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) on Monday launched a crackdown against medicine distributors amid the rising cases of vision loss due to the use of substandard injections in Punjab, says in media reports. Initially, it was reported that the eyesight of over 40 diabetes patients was affected in Punjab after which the provincial caretaker government imposed a two-week ban on Avastin's sales.

## **PFA** unearths unit producing fabricated milk

**Independent Report** LAHORE: The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) has lodged a First Information Report (FIIR) against Mujahid Zubair Dairy on account of adulteration in the nearest police station during a raid in Roshan Bhela, Kasur.

PFA Director General Raja Jahangir Anwar said that acting on the tip of, a dairy safety team of PFA Kasur raided a fake milk production unit and caught the adulteration mafia redhanded producing fabricated milk with hazardous chemicals and other ingredients.

He said that the raiding team took milk samples on the spot and found contamination of vegetable oil, whey powder, polluted water and chemicals. The raiding team discarded a huge

quantity of substandard milk, 50kg powder and confiscating a vehicle, 11 drums, mixing machines and other goods during the raid, he added. PFA DG appreciated

the raiding team for taking timely action against enemies of public health and ruined their unholy ambitions. He said that adulterated milk was to be supplied to different local milk shops in Lahore. He further said that the

use of substandard adulterated milk poses a threat to users' health and causes severe problems like stomach, intestine, food

poisoning and gastrointestinal complications. Raja Jahangir said that the Punjab Food Authority is bringing an international-style policy for the supply of pure milk



HYDERABAD: Security officials are standing high alert to avoid untoward incident during the Shiite procession of Chup-Tazia on the occasion of 8th Rabiul-Awwal every year to commemorate the death of Hazrat Imam Hasan al-Askari (R.A), in Hyderabad.

EU commissioner calls for more balanced trade with China & warns

that Ukraine could divide them

not the only, headwind is Russia's war of aggression

against Ukraine, and how

China positions itself on

before high-level economic

and trade talks with Chinese

Vice Premier He Lifeng. EU

leaders have expressed con-

cern about the bloc's grow-

ing trade deficit with China,

which reached 396 billion

euros last year. European

Commission President

Ursula von der Leyen re-

cently announced an inves-

tigation into Chinese subsi-

Dombrovskis spoke

this issue," he said.

**Monitoring Desk** 

BEIJING: The European

sioner called for a more bal-

anced economic relation-

ship with China on Mon-

day, noting an EU trade defi-

cit of nearly 400 billion eu-

ros (\$425 billion), while

also warning that China's

position on the war in

Ukraine could endanger its

Valdis Dombrovskis,

relationship with Europe.

in a speech at China's pres-

tigious Tsinghua Univer-

sity, said that the EU and

China face significant po-

# International News

# Azerbaijani and Turkish leaders hold talks, eye land corridor via Armenia

**Monitoring Desk** BAKU: Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev hosted talks on Monday with his counterpart Tayyip Erdogan at which he hinted at the prospect of creating a land corridor between their two countries via Armenia, which op-

poses the idea. Erdogan pointedly flew into Azerbaijan's autonomous Nakhchivan exclave, a strip of territory nestled between Armenia, Iran and Turkey that Ankara and Baku want to link up with rump Azerbaijan by carving out a land corridor that would run through southern Armenia.

Aliyev in 2021 threatened to create such a corriand Azerbaijan and deprive nia likes it or not.

The symbolic choice of location for Monday's talks, less than a week after Azerbaijani forces swept into Nagorno-Karabakh to retake control of the breakaway region, is likely to worry the authorities in Armenia, who have in the past rejected such a land corridor while being theoretically open to restoring severed road and rail links.

At a joint news conference at which neither man took any questions, President Aliyev lamented that Soviet-era authorities

contiguous land bridge be- said should have been territween close allies Turkey tory belonging to the Azerbaijani Soviet republic Armenia of a land border as land belonging to the Arwith Iran - "whether Arme- menian Soviet republic.

> tween the main part of Azerbaijan and Nakhchivan (the exclave) was thus cut off," complained Alivey. An influential telegram channel linked to Karabakh Armenians called "Re:public of Artsakh" said Aliyev's words looked ominous.

"The land link be-

The new target of Azerbaijan and Turkey is Syunik (a province in southern Armenia through which such a corridor would pass). They are already openly declaring it. Active preparations for war are underway," it said.



MIAMI: An allīgator was killed as it was removed from a creek in the US state of Florida along with a 41ear-old woman's body, officials said on Saturday.

Police said they had responded to a report of a body seen in the creek in Largo, Florida, and that the 13-foot, 8.5-inch (4-metre) male alligator was "hu-manely killed" on Friday.

the body on Saturday, but said "the manner and cause of death is pending," and that the investigation was ongoing.

Witness Jamarcus Bullard told US media that he saw a big alligator and a body in the creek, and ran to a nearby fire station to report it. "I threw a rock at the gator, just to see if it was like really a gator," Bullard told WFLA-TV, an NBC News affiliate, on Friday. "It pulled the body, like it was olding on to the lower part of the torso, and just pulled it under the water." Bullard said the alligator put up a strong fight against authorities.



attend a welcoming ceremony in Nakhchivan, Azerbaijan.

#### Ukraine targets a key Crimean city a day after striking Russia's Black Sea Fleet headquarters

**Monitoring Desk** KYIV: Ukraine launched another missile attack on Sevastopol on the occupied Crimean Peninsula, a Russian-installed official said, a day after an attack on the headquarters of Russia's Black Sea Fleet that left a

main building smoldering. Sevastopol was put under an air raid alert for about an hour after debris from intercepted missiles fell near a pier, Gov. Mikhail Razvozhayev wrote on the messaging app Telegram.

**Monitoring Desk** 

serviceman missing and the

missile fragment fell in a Sevastopol, parts of which had to be cordoned off. Ferry traffic in the area was also halted and later resumed.

Loud blasts were also heard near Vilne in northern Crimea, followed by rising clouds of smoke, according to a pro-Ukraine Telegram news channel that reports on developments on the peninsula. Crimea, illegally annexed by Russia in 2014, has been a frequent target for He later added that another Ukrainian forces since

Vladimir Putin ordered a Ukraine in February 2022.

# Italian PM migration

ROME: Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni has admitted she had hoped to do "better" on controlling irregular migration, which has surged since her far-right party won historic elections a year ago. "Clearly we hoped for better on immigration, where we worked so hard," she said in an interview marking the win, broadcast late on Saturday on the TG1 channel. "The results are not what we hoped to see.

Ukraine's intelligence chief, Kyrylo Budanov, told Voice of America on Saturday that at least nine people were killed and 16 others wounded as a result of Kyiv's attack on the Black Sea Fleet on Friday. He claimed that Alexander Romanchuk, a Russian gen eral commanding forces along the key southeastern front line, was "in a very serious condition" follow-

# admits she hoped to do 'better' on

**Monitoring Desk** 

#### litical and economic dies to electric vehicle makheadwinds that could cause ers, saying a flood of cheaper them to drift apart. Chinese cars is distorting the "The strongest, yet European market.

Jasminka Dzumhur, Erik Mose and Pablo de Greiff, members of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine, attend a news confer.

#### Four dead as gunmen battle police in Kosovo monastery siege **Monitoring Desk**

MITROVICA: Ğunmen in armoured vehicles stormed a village in an ethnic Serbian-majority region of Kosovo on Sunday, battling police and barricading themselves in a monastery in a resurgence of violence in the restive north.

Kosovo police said one officer and three of about 30 attackers died in shootouts around the village of Banjska.

Monks and pilgrims were locked in the Serbian Orthodox monastery's temple as the siege raged for hours. Ethnic Albanians form the vast majority of the 1.8 million population

of Kosovo, a former province of Serbia. But some 50,000 Serbs form the majority in the north, where clashes in May injured dozens of protesters and Nato alliance peacekeepers.

The Serbs have never accepted Kosovo's 2008 declaration of independence and still see Belgrade as their capital more than two decades after a Kosovo Albanian guerilla uprising against repressive Serbian rule.

It was unclear who was behind Sunday's violence, but Kosovo's Prime Minister Albin Kurti and Interior Minister Xhelal Svecla blamed "Serbiasponsored criminals"

# dor - that would create a had deemed part of what he

Migrants walk along razor wire looking for a place to cross the Rio Grande river, near the US-

## Canadian Sikh group urges followers to protest outside Indian embassies

**Monitoring Desk** OTOWA: A Canadian Sikh group has called on its members to protest outside the Indian diplomatic missions of main Canadian cities on Monday, a week after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau raised the prospect of New Delhi's involvement in the murder of a Sikh separatist leader in British Columbia. Trudeau said last week Canada was pursuing "credible allegations" that Indian government agents may be linked to the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, who was shot dead outside a Sikh

temple on June 18 in Surrey, a Vancouver suburb with a high Sikh population.

India swiftly denied any role in the killing and described the allegations as "absurd". The accusations have sparked tensions between the two countries, with each nation expelling diplomats, and New Delhi suspending visas for Canadians. Jatinder Singh Grewal, a director for Sikh for Justice in Canada, told Reuters on Sunday that his organisation will lead the demonstrations outside the Indian embassies and consulates in Toronto.

# Monitoring Desk

Officers identified

28 people, Tasnim reports gion of Iraq," Iran's intelli-DUBAI: Authorities in Iran statement.

have neutralised 30 bombs The militant group has meant to go off simultaneously in Tehran and detained 28 terrorists linked to Islamic State, Iran's Tasnim news agency reported on Sunday, citing the intelligence ministry.

Iran says it defused 30

bombs in Tehran, detained

"Some of the members are of Islamic State (IS) and the perpetrators have a history of being affiliated with Takfiri groups in Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan and the Kurdistan re-

gence ministry added in a

claimed several attacks in Iran, including deadly twin bombings in 2017 that targeted Iran's parliament and the tomb of the Islamic Republic's founder, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

More recently, IS claimed responsibility for an attack on a Shia shrine last October, where 15 people were killed in the southwestern city of Shiraz.

# ing the attack.

It is certainly a very com

plex problem.

#### Mauritania conference Ashrafi calls for interfaith dialogue to combat blasphemy and promote peace

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Ulema Council blessing for Muslim exemplary punishment as Chairman Muhammad Mahmood Ashrafi invited all faith leaders for interfaith dialogues to remove differences as burgeoning incidents of blasphemy were promoting an environment of hatred in the comity of nations.

Addressing the 36th annual International Conference on Secrat in Mauritania the other day, he said to overcome the menace of Islamophobia was not only the responsibility of Muslims propos-ing that all faith leaders should come forward and devise a combined strategy to meet the disgraceful acts being occurred worldwide from time to time.

The conference, attended by delegates from 65 Islamic countries, included the Mauritanian President Mohamed Ould Ghazouani and Muslim World League Secretary-General Dr. Mohmmad bin Abdulkarim

Ashrafi who is also the President of International Interfaith Harmony Council categorically stated that the Holy Prophet

Hafiz Ummah but also for the entire world.

Palestine and Kashmir issues was in the unity and

extremism and terrorism for a long time.

"The Pakistani nation was against all extremist and terrorist elements and standing by its security institutions and armed forces through thick and thin," he maintained. Ashrafi said Islam

gave the lesson of respect to all celestial books expressing his dismay over the indecent drive against the Muslims sacred sanctities and values. He said Islamophobia was endangering the peace of the world urging the international human rights watchdogs to legislate against it to maintain peace and tran-

He opined that those who desecrated the Holy Quran in Sweden and Muhammad Peace Be

it would help pave the way to create an enabling envi-He said the solution of ronment of interfaith dialogue in the world.

Ashrafi said the way solidarity of Muslim Muslim World League had Ummah. given the message of peace in the "Charter of Makkah a nation of various faiths" al Mukkaramah", in the and sects but it was facing same way, the Ulema and Mashaykh of Pakistan had given a clear-cut religious decree against the extremism and terrorism in the Message of Pakistan'

> Talking to Arab media after the conference, he said Palestine and Kashmir were the issues of Muslim Ummah and it would like to resolve them with peaceful dialogues.

He said the brutalities of Israel in Palestine and India's in Kashmir were not acceptable at all costs. Ashrafi said the

Muslim world appreciated productive leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud and Crown Prince Mohmmad bin Salman expressing the hope that they would further play Demark and made caricatheir proactive role in the tures of the Holy Prophet resolution of Palestine and Kashmir issues



ISLAMABAD: Chief Guest of the event Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani performing traditional Arabic Dance along with Ambassador of KSA to Pakistan Nawaf bin Saeed Al-Malkiy and others during the celebrations of the National Day of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, at local hotel in Federal Capital.

#### PM urges British fashion firm to open buying house in Pakistan

LONDON (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday, highlighting Pakistan's pro-investment policies and facilities, urged the UK-based Boohoo Group to consider opening buying houses in Pakistan.

The prime minister, in a meeting with leading British businessman and cofounder and Executive Chairman of Boohoo Group Abdullah Kamani, emphasised the advantages of investment in Pakistan and extended an invitation to Boohoo Group to send a buying delegaion to Pakistan for ennanced collaboration.

In the meeting, Kamani expressed keen interest in establishing longterm buying linkages with Pakistan and the ambition to create a comprehensive supply chain in the country, encompassing organic cotton to apparel production. They also hoped for improved Pakistan-UK air connectivity to facilitate increased imports from Pakistan. Prime Minister Kakar conveyed Pakistan's commitment to facilitating investment and offered support in establishing manufacturing facilities within the country, particularly within Special Economic Zones (SEZs).

#### **EU** releases €1 million in humanitarian aid to respond to monsoon floods

ISLAMABAD (APP): The EU has released an additional €1 million in humanitarian aid to respond to the floods that have affected Pakistan in the past weeks, which have directly or indirectly affected some 900,000 people.

The funding will help address the most pressing needs of vulnerable people in the provinces of Balochistan, Sindh, Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), as the areas hit the hardest, said a news release.

Karachi Ko

Commissioner for Crisis Management, Lenarcic, said: "One year after the tragic floods that caused tremendous suffering in Pakistan, the EU remains committed to helping those most in need. As a new rain season has again displaced thousands of people in parts of the country, this additional EU funding will help support vulnerable communities as they try to recover their

#### US Envoy calls on Planning Minister

ISLAMABAD (Online): US Ambassador to Pakistan Donald Blome on Monday called on the Caretaker Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives, Muhammad Sami Saeed and discussed matters of mutual interest between the two countries. During the meeting, the Planning Minister appreciated the support that Pakistan has received from the United States in the field of development cooperation, bilateral trade and investment promotion. The two sides also exchanged views on matters of common interest and expressed their resolve to enhance and strengthen bilateral relations.

#### **KP CM approves** Rs300,000 for treatment of journalist Zafar Wazir

PESHAWAR Khyber Pakhtukhwa (KP) Caretaker Chief Minister Azam Khan on Monday gave approval three hundred thousand rupees for the treatment of ailing journalist Zafar Wazir.

The Interim Chief Minister approved the financial assistance for the medical treatment of the journalist, hailing from Wana, on the request of Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi.

2 people die,

2 injured

LASBELA (Online): A car

overturned due to high

speed in Las Bela and as a

result of which 2 people

Theatre play

"Social Pagal"

presented in Urdu lan-

guage, the writer and di-

rector of Theatre Social

died and 2 were injured.



KARACHI: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Karachi Chief, Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman addresses to media persons during press conference, at Idara-e-Noorul-Car overturns,

## **CWDP clears 2 development** projects including FIA's operational improvement

ISLAMABAD (APP): Planning Commission (PĆ) Deputy Chairman Dr Mohammad Jehanzeb Khan on Monday chaired a meeting of the Central Develop-ment Working Party (CDWP) that cleared two development projects worth Rs 2.42 billion. Among others, the meeting was attended by the Chief Economist, Members Planning Commission and representatives from the various ministries, a news release said. The forum cleared Programme for Flood Re-

Sindh reduce the dropout and increase enrollment. For this purpose, the government has planned to establish at

least 500 elementary

schools in the province. The

Sindh Education and Lit-

eracy Department (SELD)

tiatives securing development partners' assistance for the upgradation. It brought in 'innovative approaches' through technical assistance with a targeted focus on improving girls' education, girls' retention and successful transition from primary to secondary education. The project has been conceived, considering that the number of elementary schools is much lower than the primary schools in rural Sindh. Under the Operational Improvement of Federal Investigation Agency in Anti-Money Laundering &

enabling it to act as the Federal Level Counter Terrorism Wing to enforce the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997. It also aims at dealing with transnational & interprovincial mandates to combat terrorism and terrorist financing, identifying criminals' networks that recruit/engage/hire Pakistani youth for violence, bringing Pakistan out of the

The car was going from Karachi to Quetta when it overturned due to high speed in Las Bela and after the accident the car was completely destroyed. On information, the dead bodies and injured persons were shifted to DHQ Hospital Othal and police started the investigation to find out the reasons.

& "The Father" presented KARACHI (Online): On the 16<sup>th</sup> day of the ongoing Pakistan Theatre Festival in Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi, the Theatre plays "Social Pagal' and "The Father" were

> Pagal, was Shah Fahad, in Pagal, was ome the cast of the play. Rahmani Sherbanu Gulshan Majeed, Hassan Raza, Mishal Chaudhry, Zain Qazi, Haris Ahmad Khan and Mohammad Ghazi Abid, etc.

Drama takes viewers through the journey of six psychopaths who confront their demons in prison as they are confined to an obscure realm where life imprisonment is considered the cure for their insanity, a battle of wits ensues and theatre play "The Father" is written by Florian Zeller and directed by Zeeshan

Haidar. The cast of the drama included Ghulam Mohiuddin. Abdul Rehman, Alina Gulzar, Saima, Zobi and Owais.

#### Transfer agreement signing of Ex-TARIQ TO FOCI, **UK held in London**

Transfer Agreement Signing Ceremony for the ex-Pakistan Navy Ship TARIQ to Falls of Clyde International (FOCI), UK took place at the Pakistan High Commission in London on Monday.

This ship, formerly decommissioned by the Pakistan Navy on August 4, 2023, has been donated by the Government of Pakistan to FOCI for conversion into a floating museum. It will be displayed at the Clyde Maritime Heritage Center in Glasgow, symbolizing the common naval heritage shared by the Royal Navy and the Pakistan Navy, according to a

press release received here. The Transfer Agreement Signing Ceremony was witnessed by Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi NI (M) S Bt, Chief of the Naval Staff of the Pakistan Navy as the Chief Guest, and Admiral Lord Alan West who was the Guest of Honour at the event. Besides, the ceremony was attended by David O'Neill, Director of FOCI, veterans from the Royal Navy, and representatives of the Pakistani community in the UK.

During his address to the audience, Chief of Na-

ISLAMABAD (APP): The dence that the donation of TARIQ to FOCI would further strengthen the bonds of friendship between the UK and Paki-stan, with the ship continuing to symbolize the shared maritime history of our respective navies in the years

Speaking on the occasion, Admiral Lord Alan West said "The close relationship between the Navies and Nations of Pakistan and the UK are clearly shown by this historic agreement focused on one ship that fought and represented each country over many years.'

The history of ex-PNS TARIQ is noteworthy, having served in the Royal Navy as HMS AM-BUSCADE for 18 years, including during the Falklands War, before being integrated into the Pakistan Navy as PNS TARIQ in 1993. Over the course of more than three decades in the Pakistan Navy, the ship earned a reputation for its versatility, agility, and readiness in combat. Notably, it played a crucial role in a Search and Rescue mission during the 2005 Indian Ocean Tsunami in the Maldives, saving the lives of 377 tourists from



KARACHI: Canadian High Commissioner Leslie Scanlon meeting with Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori at Governor House.

#### **Planning Minister asks** provinces to go after hoarders, profiteers

Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Muhammad Sami Saeed on Monday chaired a meeting of the National Price Monitoring Commit- inflation data, while repretee (NPMC) to review the sentatives from Punjab, prices of essential com- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh modities, directing the quar- and Balochistan apprised the ters concerned to maintain food prices and provide relief to the common man.

The minister emphasized zero-tolerance against hoarders and profiteers, directing the provincial governments to engage their respective Commissions, Deputy Commissioners and Magistrates against the elements involved in hoarders, a news release said.

Among others, the meeting was attended by the Chief Statistician from the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), representatives from all provinces, the Federal

Board of Revenue (FBR), Ministry of Food Security & Industries, and other relevant stakeholders. During the meeting, the PBS officials presented the price and forum on the current production and supply of wheat, sugar and other essential commodities, which remained satisfactory.

The meeting decided that the PBS would give access to its App to the provinces so that prices could be monitored and controlled effectively. It also highlighted the importance of minimizing the price difference between wholesale and retail items and directed the relevant stakeholders to reduce this difference to maximize relief for the common man.



persons after court case hearing in famous triple Mehar murder case by Model Trial Court, in Dadu.

#### **IHC** reserves judgment on plea for in-camera hearing of chairman PTI bail petition ISLAMABAD (Online):

Islamabad High Court (IHC) has reserved judgment on the plea of special prosecutors for in camera hearing of chairman PTI bail petition in cipher case. Chief Justice (CJ)

IHC remarked decision will be given in this regard after seeing the record of case. The counsel said the

entire nation is fixing its eyes on this bail plea. The CJ IHC said smilingly now live streaming of the courts hearing will be

conducted and the entire world will see hearing. Chairman PTI bail plea in cipher case came up for hearing before CJ IHC

Monday. Barrister Suleman Safdar appeared on behalf

of the petitioner. Special prosecutors Shah Khawar and Zulfiqar Abbas Nagvi appeared in the court taking the plea cipher case is being tried un-

der official secret act.

Former Prime Minister (PM) and former foreign minister were arrested in the case. Owing to sensitivity of the case it was decided that there will be incamera proceedings in the

When the counsel of the petitioner completes his arguments then I will want to make in camera submissions before the court.

Barrister Suleman Safdar said that not the sensitivity of case but security concerns have been said to be the reasons of jail trial. The CJ IHC remarked

let me see the record then we will settle how we have to run this case. Sher Afzal Marwat

advocate said the entire nation is setting its eyes on this case.

The CJP IHC remarked smilingly now live streaming of court's proceeding will be done and the whole world will see the proceedings.

#### addressing during the exhibition of calligraphy artworks in Centaurus Mall. **Kundi says:** Siraj should not misguide masses for sake of 'publicity'

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa- Pakhtunkhwa (KP)." leader Faisal Karim Kundi on Monday lashed out at Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Emir

Sirajul Haq. In a reaction to the press talk of Mr Haq, Mr Kundi said: "Sirajul Haq should not misguide the masses for the sake of cheap publicity stunts. Sirajul Hag needs to have information of the negotiations made by the PPP with independent power produc-

"If the PPP had not reached an agreement with the IPPs, the country would have been dragged into a quagmire today," Mr Kundi added.

Mr Kundi stated: "During the tenure of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), Sirajul Haq was the senior of Khyber

ISLAMABAD: CaretakerFederal Minister for Interfaith Affairs Aneeq Ahmed

"The country's economy would have been strengthened if the industrial zones were established," Mr Kundi said.

Earlier today, JI Emir Sirajul Haq fired a fresh broadside at the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) and PTI. Addressing a press

conference in Islamabad, Mr Haq asserted: "The Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) leaders had waived their cases. The PTI government had vowed to end poverty and create an opportunity of 50,000 jobs in the country.'

Mr Haq took a jibe at former finance minister Ishaq Dar, saying, "Ishaq Dar had made claims of controlling the rate of the greenback against the rupee.



KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Senior Leader and Former Provincial Minister, Saeed Ghani in a group photo along with participants of Ten-day Electronic Media Training Course organized by Women Media Center held in Karachi.

#### Egypt makes polio certificate mandatory for Pakistan

KARACHI (INP): The Egyptian authorities have made it mandatory for travelers from Pakistan, Afghanistan, and other countries to provide a polio vaccination certificate. "As informed by the Egyptian Authorities, passengers travelling to Egypt from Pakistan, Afghanistan, Malawi, Mozambique and Congo are requested to provide an international certificate of vaccination specifically polio vaccine, OPV or IPV (both are acceptable)," Pakistan's Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) said in an advisory

on its website on Monday. It added that foreigners who have stayed more than four weeks in the above-mentioned countries are also required to provide

polio vaccination in order to travel to Egypt. Last month, the Inter-

national Health Regulations (2005) Emergency Committee, responsible for assessing global poliovirus spread, expressed concerns over Pakistan's efforts to reach a large number of children through its polio eradication campaign. În a session convened by the World Health Organisation (WHO) director general on August 16, 2023, the committee highlighted the gaps in Pakistan and Afghanistan's efforts to eliminate polio.

It emphasised that recent favorable environmental samples from Peshawar and Karachi underscore the persistent risk of a polio outbreak in Pakistan

#### **Minister directs** NRA to observe month of Rabi ul Awal ISLAMABAD (APP):

Caretaker Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Madad Ali Sindhi Monday ordered National Chairman Rahmatul-lil-Alameen Authority to organize month

long continuous events to observe holy month of Rabi ul Awwal He made these directions while visiting the Na-

Rahmatul-liltional Alameen Authority here. During the visit, he also met the authority's Chairman Khurshid Ahmad

Madad Ali Sindhi said the authority's mandate was critical for nation building. The minister said that the Pakistani nation was facing challenges that could only be addressed by the authority. He said that intolerance was rampant in our society and the true message of peace and love of Islam needed to be promoted in the country.

#### Father, minor daughter shot dead over

personal grudge ARACHI (INP): Two ncluding father and minor daughter were killed while woman survived narrowly in firing of armed men over personal grudge here on

Monday, police said. According to details, two armed men opened straight fire at motorcycle riding couple in Korangi area of Karachi. As a result of firing,

Tahir Zaman and his twoyear-old daughter were killed while his wife narrowly escaped in the firing. The attackers fled the

scene of crime. The bodies

were shifted to hospital for

postmortem. Police said that no looting or snatching was witnessed during the incident and the firing was outsponse through Reconstruction of Education Facilities worth Rs1,566.628m and Operational Improvement of Federal Investigation Agency in AML/CFT, Counter Terrorism Wing & Case Management System worth Rs 858.577m. Under the Programme for Flood Response through Reconstruction of Education Facilities, the Sindh government wanted to meet the need to

Counter Financing Terrorism (AML/CFT) project, the Ministry of Interior envisaged revamping of Counter Terrorism Wing,

grey list, countering national and transnational terrorism threats, enhancing overall security at national, regional and global levels.



ARKANA: Commissioner Larkana Division, Abdul Waheed Shaikh presiding over a meeting of Divisional Task Force for the Department of Education, Health and Public Health, at his office in Larkana.